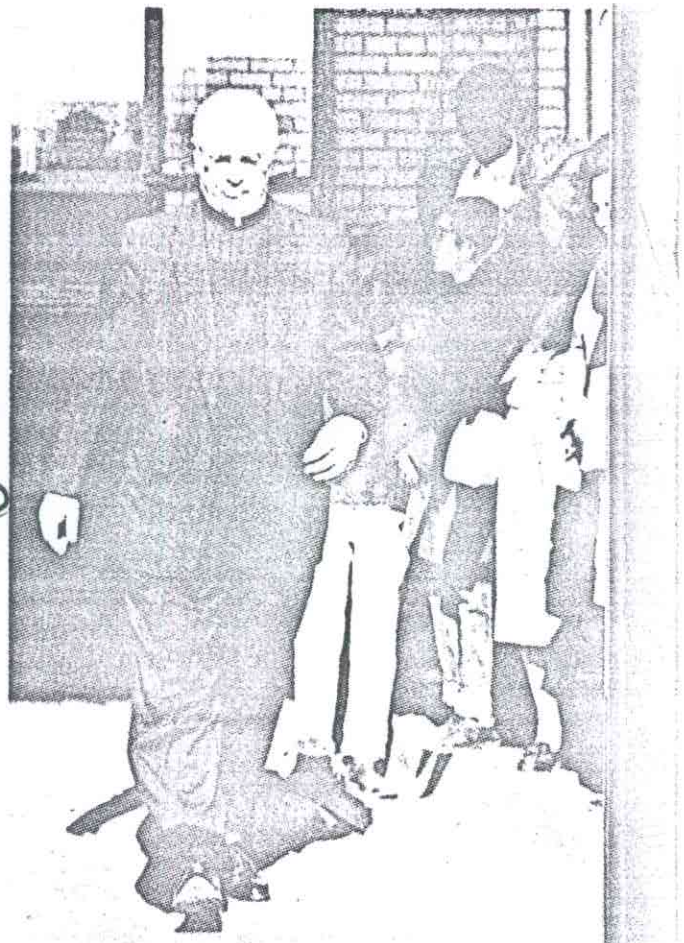
A reporter in the press gallery gave the news of the assassination to a page, who informed Sen. Kennedy. The Senate chaplain said a prayer. Cabinet members—Secretaries Rusk, Udall and others—were on their way to Japan, one hour out of Hawaii; they have now turned back. The Kennedy children are in Washington. Gov. Connally has been shot in the chest and wrist. A young man was picked up and is being questioned.

2:45 pm NEW YORK — HUNTLEY: The President was seen cradled in his wife's arms, and was reportedly unconscious at the hospital. The last rites of the Roman Catholic Church were administered by the Very Rev. Oscar L. Huber. Johnson's whereabouts are not known. The President lived only about an hour after the bullet cut him down. The announcement by the two priests brought sobs and outcries at the hospital. The shots came from the right rear and struck the President's head.

2:49 pm DALLAS — MURPHY: A car has been stopped at Fort Worth which may have some connection with the shooting. . . . A Dallas policeman has been shot to death two miles from the scene of the assassination. A suspect is now in custody.

2:50 pm NEW YORK — RYAN speaks by telephone with John Hoefan, an NBC sound man who was an eyewitness to the shooting. Hoefan reports that he was in the motorcade with the Presidential party. . . . A loud shot rang out; people ducked; men and women were screaming. . . . Hoefan says that Malcolm Kilduff of the Presidential news staff is keeping the network abreast of all developments.

MacNEIL (voice over from Dallas): The President's body will be sent to Washington, D.C., this afternoon.

MERRILL MUELLER: A man saw a gun in the window of a building as the President's car went beneath the underpass. . . . Gov. Connally